

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2539 - SB 2518**

February 10, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Restores all rights of citizenship to a person who is pardoned for any offense unless specifically limited by the pardon. Prohibits the record of conviction for which the person is pardoned from being considered as a disqualifying factor for purposes of eligibility to hold public or fiduciary office, competency to serve as a juror, qualification to serve as a police officer, guilt of unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon, sale of dangerous weapons, handgun carry permits, qualification to serve as a bondsman, or voter eligibility.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant  
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant  
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-27-108 a person convicted of manslaughter and pardoned by the Governor has all rights of citizenship to which he or she was entitled to prior to the conviction restored. Present law authorizes any person who receives a pardon, which restores full rights of citizenship, to petition the court for restoration of citizenship rights immediately after the pardon.
- This bill does not limit the Governor's pardoning power or the Governor's power to grant conditional pardons.
- No pardons have been granted in the last seven and a half years. In the previous administration, a total of 15 pardons were granted by the Governor.

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- Expanding citizenship restoration for a pardoned offender to all offenses will not have a significant impact on state or local government revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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